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THE COMMITTEE FINALLY REPORTS

The long-awaited and heralded report of the Commission to study education in Virginia, headed by State Senator Garland Gray, is now in the hands of the Governor. A special session of the General Assembly is obviously the next move in the approach to problems created by the Supreme Court's decision of last year regarding integration.

As was to be expected, the Gray Commission report has met with varying reaction. Some feel that it did not go far enough to protect the rights of those opposed to integration; others feel that it was about all that could have been expected. In our opinion, the report must be looked upon for what it was and is: advisory only. In event the special session is called, and a constitutional convention is authorized, then it will be of the utmost importance that an able membership be named for that constitutional convention. That is where the decision will be made as to the future of education in the Old Dominion.

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THANKSGIVING, 1955

Thanksgiving Day, which falls on the last Thursday of this month, comes early this year, on the 24th. Thus, the interval between this November religious observance and Christmas is a full month this year.

Business men always welcome an early Thanksgiving, since it leaves more time for Christmas shopping and hunters also enjoy an early Thanksgiving Day, since it means an earlier hunting season in many states.

Our National Thanksgiving — which the day was first called by Sarah J. Hale, who is credited with having begun the national observance of Thanksgiving Day in the United States in 1863—is certainly a day of richness, reward and satisfaction in the United States in 1955. Prosperity is everywhere, the country is at peace, and a spirit of plenty is evident.

Americans should never lose sight of the fact that they are more blessed than any other people on earth, materially. We should give thanks, and try to make ourselves worthy of these blessings, spiritually.

We in America have come a long way since that New England day, in the autumn of 1621, when Governor Bradford ordered some of the colonists into the forests to shoot a number of turkeys. That night, Indians, who had brought deer, and colonialists who had shot turkeys feasted together. It was probably the first Thanksgiving Day in the United States, although historians point to earlier dates in some of he other areas of settlement.

Every American should give thanks, in his prayers, for the American heritage, our freedom, including religious freedom, and all that goes to make up the riches and wealth of this country. Unless we spiritually deserve these belssings, they will be of little value to us, and we hope that Thanksgiving Day, 1955, will be a day of rededication to spiritual principles for many Americans.

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FIRES OF FALL

Outdoor fires each fall cost American people billions of dollars and account for a number of tragic accidents, which take many lives. The brisk, fall smell of leaves burning, or of straw or other rake-piles, is nostalgic, but it often produces a very poor ending.

To avoid uncontrolled fires, and the tragic results which occur in their wake, the accident prevention unit of the Maryland State Department of Health offered several sugestions. Among them were:

1. Burn only in areas where fires are permitted.
2. Never start on outdoor fire on a windy day.
3. Clear an area around the spot where the fire is to be started.
4. If possible, hook up the garden hose for use in an emergency.
5. Use a covered wire mesh basket for burning trash and leaves, when possible.
6. Never start a fire near buildings or near overhanging trees or eaves.
7. Keep children away from fires, and never leave a fire until you are sure it is completely out.

We suggest that you follow these rules, since they will save you, and your community, not only dollars, but lives, and preserve the beauty of the countryside, an asset too valuable to be defaced carelessly, as we so often do.

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The West hasn't won any international conferences we can remember, but the Western powers did avoid losing this last one.

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Going to church is a habit everybody—even the wealthy and elderly individual—should nourish. Attended often enough, something good is sure to "take" as a result.

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Now that doctors believe they have an innoculation on the way to prevent severe colds, we suspect we will not have any this season.

THE FARM BELT

The very practical consideration underlying the worries of many Republican officials concerning the Eisenhower Administration's farm program is to be seen when one looks closely at the Farm Belt. The Farm Belt, so-called, includes in it eight states which pack a 131-vote electoral count.

These eight states may well be the key to success or failure of a Republican candidate's Presidential bid in 1956. At this stage, it appears that they are likely to be decisive.

The eight states we have in mind are Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan.

An interesting clue to their importance in Presidential elections can be seen by checking on the effect of their vote in 1948 and 1952 Presidential elections. In 1948, when Harry Truman surprised many prognosticators and was returned to the White House for another four years, six of these eight states, with 98 electrial votes, went for Truman.

In 1952, when President Eisenhower won over Adlai Stevenson, all eight of these states and their 131 electoral votes, went to Mr. Eisenhower. The importance of these 131 electoral votes can be seen when one considers the fact that the Sotuh has about the same number of electoral votes and when one realizes that it takes only 266 electoral votes to elect.

If the South supports the Democratic candidate by a wide margin, then the Farm Belt can elect or defeat the Democratic candidate. This is why the Democrats are now going all out to make the farm situation a major issue in the 1956 campaign. That is also why pressure is building up for a change, or a "new look" in the Eisenhower Administration's farm program.

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This is the time to advertise your Christmas goods. Shopping has already begun.

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Many a person eats away his insides being envious of others, and thereby destroys his own personality.

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If the almanacs are right, your heating bills this year will be higher than they have been in a decade.

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From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

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Now Monk's taken Tog Morgan's old sedan and completely restored one half of it. One side is as good as new, the other looks like—well, Tog's old car. "Sort of a before-and-after demonstration," Monk told me, "shows folks the kind of work I do."

From where I sit, some of Monk's ideas may look a little wild sometimes ... but I wouldn't want to tell him how to run his business any more than I'd like *him* to tell *me* what beverage to enjoy. He always keeps a hot pot of tea in his garage—I'd rather have a cold glass of beer—but respect for each other's opinion is "auto"-matic with us both.

Joe Marsh

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

By REV. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Suggested Scripture: Luke 7: 8-22-

Suggested Reading: Romans 8:31-39.

Powers of God

Lesson for November 20, 1955

Dr. Foreman

[illegible] no doubt did many ordi-[illegible] things, such as paying his [illegible] and eating his breakfast. It [illegible] be that he "never did [illegible]dinary thing in an ordinary [illegible]. Who would he pay you [illegible] owed for lumber for his [illegible] shop? How would he [illegible] a breakfast companion?

[illegible] is also true [illegible] the records [illegible] he did some [illegible]ordinary [illegible] an extraor-[illegible] in fact that [illegible] word could [illegible] describe [illegible] The Gospel [illegible] all of [illegible] of course [illegible] Greek, used [illegible] a word meaning [illegible] sometimes one meaning [illegible] miracle." and some-[illegible] that means "power." [illegible] Greek words is trans-[illegible] different ways. For ex-[illegible] the Greek word "dyna-[illegible] (power) is translated in the [illegible] James version "power" [illegible] 5:17, "virtue" in 6:19, [illegible] works" in 10:13, "mira-[illegible] Acts 2:22.

[illegible] off

[illegible] get into all kinds of [illegible] and endless arguments [illegible] "miracles" of the New [illegible]. They are not always [illegible] as such, or labeled with [illegible]. The Gospels will just [illegible] Jesus did, and let the [illegible] draw his own conclusions. [illegible] they all agree on is that [illegible] performed acts of power [illegible] no one else could match. [illegible] these things as naturally [illegible] would pick a blackberry [illegible] naturally but perhaps not so [illegible]. He he himself expressed [illegible] could perceive "power" go-[illegible] him. (Luke 8:46, R.S.V.) [illegible] hard it may be to un-[illegible] Jesus' miracles, we can [illegible] say three things about [illegible]. One is that he did not do [illegible] "not to be doing them." [illegible] were never aimless, or at [illegible]

[illegible] Further, they never had [illegible] of showing off. To the [illegible] days Jesus was beset [illegible] demands from the Pharisees [illegible] to show a "sign from [illegible]. One of his early temp-[illegible] was to cast himself down [illegible] pinnacle of the Temple [illegible] God or his angels to [illegible] he did not get hurt in [illegible]. But he did not yield to [illegible] temptation.

[illegible] The Wash

[illegible] sticking fact about his [illegible] is that he never wasted [illegible]. He never did what others [illegible]. When he fed the five [illegible] he got the people to sit [illegible] orderly fashion and got [illegible] disciples to help distribute the [illegible] you would suppose it would [illegible] just as easy for him to [illegible] for every person present [illegible] loaf and a fish suddenly [illegible] loaf; but Jesus did not [illegible] that way. Or again, after [illegible] miraculous miracle of restor-[illegible] the little daughter of [illegible] Jairus—instead of produc-[illegible] for her himself by a [illegible] gives orders to the fam-[illegible] that the little girl something [illegible] then he healed the para-[illegible] told him to pick up his [illegible] go home.

[illegible] About Doing Good

[illegible] Peter, who was far more [illegible] by Jesus' miracles [illegible] what he said, summed [illegible] goal when he said that [illegible] God with divine pow-[illegible] about doing good." [illegible] Our Lord's acts of [illegible] always done for the [illegible] persons. This is the [illegible] distinction between Christ's [illegible] and those done, or al-[illegible] done, by magic. Your [illegible] magic-worker makes a [illegible] stick pins in it, hoping [illegible] death to inflict pain or [illegible] to some one. Whether or [illegible] is anything real, magic [illegible] by intention. Jesus' [illegible] on the contrary were [illegible] benevolent, but the exact op-[illegible] were acts of good-[illegible] generous help. Jesus [illegible] genies out of bot-[illegible] created fire-breath-[illegible] he never produced [illegible] of fear or death. All his [illegible] only restored health, [illegible] gave food to the [illegible] to the blind . . . yes, [illegible] to the poor. For [illegible] John the Baptist's [illegible] acts of power he was [illegible] as climax not [illegible] of the dead, but the [illegible] good news to the poor. [illegible] miracle we still too sel-[illegible]

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Cut and Replace Trees

Removing timber that is ready for harvest is just as good a practice as combining wheat at the proper time. Yet, a good farmer does not leave the land without a cover—usually lespedeza or Red Clover has been saved to provide cover and feed. Timber land should be treated likewise.

The picture above shows the stump of a tree and beside it is a young loblolly pine that was set following the harvested timber. The seedling is now three years old. When hard woods are cut it is a good practice to treat the stump with amate. This kills the root, thus preventing sprouting that would compete with the young seedling. A practice of this type maintains a perpetual forest of desirable timber.

If seedlings have not been ordered for your farm, do so soon. Applications forms are available from your County Agent, Vocational-Agricultural Instructor, Soil-Technician, or Forester.

COPS LOSE LOITERER

Oklahoma City.- After arresting a 16-year-old youth for loitering, city police took him to the finger-printing room of the city jail, and then momentarily, forgot about him. The loiterer hasn't been seen since.

WASHINGTON NOTES

MAIL EARLY

The Post Office Department has begun its annual "Shop early - Mail early" plea for the coming Christmas season. Postal officials expect the largest Christmas mail load in history this year and announced that the nation's railroads are joining the department in its drive for early mailings to promote speedier deliveries.

FARM DOLLAR

The farmer's share of what the housewife spends for food is expected to be shaved further next year, according to an Agriculture Department estimate, which said the farmer's portion of the consumer's food dollar in 1956 will be around 40 cents, compared with 41 cents this year and 43 cents in 1954. But because of higher marketing charges —up 3 per cent in the third quarter of 1955 from a year ago—only a fraction of the farm price drop was passed along to consumers.

LIVING COSTS

Gabriel Hauge, President Eisenhower's economic advisor, recently predicted that the cost of living may creep up in the months ahead, while the boom in industrial output could taper off. He recommended that the Government keep a sharp eye out for any danger signals and be ready to use its powers "in a flexible manner" to combat any downward trend in the economy.

U. S. PAYROLL CUT

The number of Federal jobholders dropped 18,968 in September for the first monthly net decrease since January, according to Senator Harry F. Byrd, head of the Joint Committee on Reduction of Nonessential Expenditures. Civilian employment on the Government payroll stood at 2,366,075 in September.

FACTORY SALES

Manucsturers' sales totaled $27,700,000,000 in September, slightly higher than in August and $4,000,000,000 higher than September of 1954, according to the Commerce Department. New orders placed with manufacturers during the month totaled $28,500,000,000, somewhat lower than in August after adjustment for seasonal differences, but $4,500,000,000 higher than in September, 1954.

U. S. BIG LANDOWNER

A total of 161,500,000 acres in the United States and Alaska are under the control of the Bureau of Land Management of the Department of Interior. This land, consisting mostly of woodlands, is estamited to contain 260,000,000 moard feet of saw timber and another 212,000,000,000 board feet of non - commercial timber.

FARM INCOME

The Agriculture Department recently reported that farm net income for the third quarter of this year reached an annual rate of $10,300,000,000, about 5 per cent below the previous quarter and ten per cent below the third quarter rate in 1954. The decline is attributed mainly to lower prices of farm products accompanied by only small reduction in expense.

PERSONAL INTEREST

The American people paid a new high of $3,000,000,000 for personal interest on loans in 1954, according to a recent report by the Commerce Department.

Farm crops in 1955 are the second highest of record.

Trabert sings a pro tennis pact for reported $75,000.

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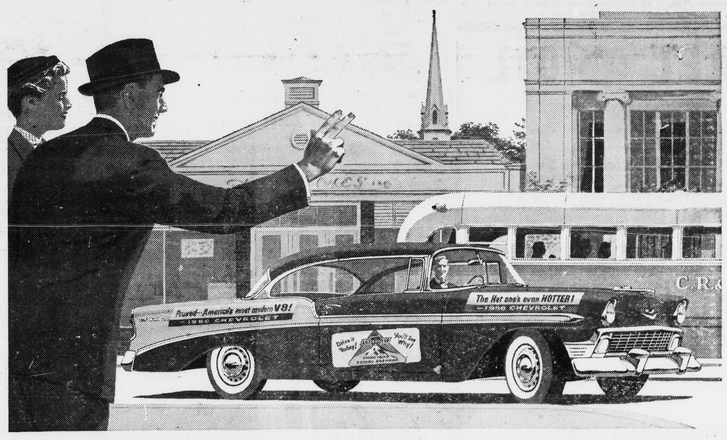

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